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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : November 5, 2001
J. P. Brezin, et al : Group Art No.: 2172
Serial No. 09/282,860 : Examiner: J. Fluerantin
Filed: March 31, 1999 : for IBM Corporation
Anne Vachon Dougherty
Title: OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM 3173 Cedar Road
PERFORMANCE BASED ON Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE (37 CFR 1.17(a))

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for Extension
of Time for Response (37 CFR 1.17(a)). The period for
response to the Office Action in the above-identified

application, which was set to expire on October 5, 2001, will now expire on November 5, 2001. Applicants include a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the one month extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures